

COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT NO.	
TOPIC	Brandis Airfield		
25X1X EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
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SOURCE

1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Brandis airfield between 10 and 23 May 1953:

10 May. Between 8 a.m. and noon and between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., Il-10s practiced local flying and diving. There was a 9/10 overcast. Aircraft weapons were being adjusted at the gun firing pit.

11 May. Between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., Il-10s made local flights. It rained occasionally.

12 May. There was the same air activity as on 10 May.

13 May. Between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., one Po-2 marked by a white figure at its tail assembly made local flights at a low altitude. It was raining.

14 May. In the morning, an Il-10 and a Po-2 practiced local flying. There was good visibility. Between 7 p.m. and 2 a.m., night flying was conducted by 4 Il-10s while searchlights were in operation.

15 May. Po-2s made local flights at day and night. The position lights of the planes were not switched on and no searchlights were in operation during night flying.

16 May. Between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., a Po-2 made local flights. The weather was fair.

17 May. Between 10 a.m. and noon, 4 Po-2s circled the field. There were no clouds.

18 May. Between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., 2 Il-10s made local flights and dives. The weather was fair. Between 7 p.m. and midnight, Po-2s circled the field.

19 to 21 May. Il-10s and Po-2s practiced local flying. The weather was fair.

22 May. At 6 a.m., 16 Il-10s taxied to the runway. The first take-off was made at 6:15 a.m. At 9 a.m., the 16 Il-10s including Nos 2 and 23 with red propeller hubs departed in elements of two and did not return to the field.

23 May. Between 7 a.m. and noon, three Po-2s circled the field. At 2 p.m., eight Il-10s including No 23 with red propeller hub landed at the field. In the evening, 12 Il-10s, 5 Po-2s and 1 Yak-14 were counted at the field.

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Comment. It is believed that Brandis airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment which is equipped with 50 to 55 Il-10s and some Po-2s. The observed air activity with Po-2s is probably conducted by pilots who newly arrived at the regiment.

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